





# AFP on Miriam's tale: What plot?

THE ARMED FORCES IS NOT TAKING seriously Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago's story about an assassination plot against President Macapagal-Arroyo by former President Corason Aquino and Senator President Franklin Delano.

Military officials interviewed later dismissed Santiago's claim.

One senior military intelligence official flatly denied the existence of such plot.

"Not. What we have is a circulating

plot by the left" to kill the commander-in-chief, said the official who asked not to be identified.

An official military spokesman said they have no information about such plot and made it plain to reporters that AFP did not want any part of it.

"We don't know anything about that," said Lt. Col. Benveniste Pineda, the AFP public information chief.

He did not even bother to make the preliminary statement that the AFP

would at least investigate if such a plot is true.

Santiago, a former staunch ally of deposed President Joseph Estrada, said she heard from a friend who supposedly heard from a relative of Delano that there was a plot to "physically remove" the Macapagal family by Oct. 15.

She has since been intimidated by Delano and other other lawmakers for circulating a "fabricated" tale. *Donna Pineda*

## Family of dead seaman to get aid

By Jerome Aning

THE DEPARTMENT OF Labor and Employment yesterday said it would provide humanitarian assistance to the family of a Filipino seaman who died in Taiwan last July and has yet to be buried.

"It is a matter of compassion that the necessary humanitarian assistance shall be extended to the family of seaman Randy Madera, considering the bereaved plea of his widow for assistance to bury his body with dignity," Labor undersecretary for labor relations Maribel Brown said.

Brown, acting DOLE chief while Secretary Patricia Siu Torres is abroad, said that through the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, DOLE will get in touch with Madera family and look into the "appropriate assistance and response."

The Bureau reported that Madera, 36, an undocumented seaman who worked in a Taiwanese vessel, died after he apparently committed suicide by hanging himself last July 27.





# US likes Ifugao rice

By [illegible]

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# Cop, 2 pirates slain off Tawi-Tawi

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# The WORLD

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## UN: 130M youths illiterate, 88M jobless

UNITED NATIONS estimates reveal today that 130 million youths are illiterate and 88 million are jobless, according to a report released by the UN today.

The UN World Development Report 2009, released today, says that the world's youth population is growing rapidly, and that the world's youth population is growing rapidly, and that the world's youth population is growing rapidly.

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## Ramadan starts, Asia fears violence

RAMADAN, the Islamic month of fasting, begins today in many parts of the world, and in some parts of the world, it is a time of increased violence.

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## US troops mount biggest attack

US troops in Afghanistan have mounted their biggest attack yet, according to a report released by the US military today.

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# US, N. Korea hold direct talks



**At least 100**  
athletes in a mass training session at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., on Oct. 28.

Washington—The United States and North Korea have agreed to hold direct talks on the Korean peninsula, according to a U.S. official. The talks are expected to begin in the near future, according to the official.

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## 2 Americans, German win Nobel Physics

Stockholm, Sweden—Two Americans and a German have won the Nobel Prize in Physics for their work on the quantum theory of light.

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## Word of the Week

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## Stealing our Christmas

Political  
Timothy

By  
John Hume



It is a sad irony that the Christmas season, which is a time of peace and goodwill, should be a time when the Irish people are reminded of the suffering and loss that has befallen them. The Christmas season is a time when we are reminded of the suffering and loss that has befallen them. The Christmas season is a time when we are reminded of the suffering and loss that has befallen them.

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## Grieving three times

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## Paragon: a sign of life

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## The vision thing

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# Metro jeeps, buses defer fare hike

By Clarissa S. Batino

A CALL FROM TRANSPORT SECRETARY Leandro Mendoza over the weekend prompted Metro jeeps and buses to hold—for now—a plan to ask for a P1.50 and P2-increase in their minimum fares.

"The decision not to file any petition for now was made in deference to President Macapagal-Arroyo with whom the transport groups would like to meet so they could explore alternative ways to address the surging fuel prices," said lawyer Vigor Mendoza, spokesperson of the transport groups.

Metro jeep and bus operators were poised to submit their fare hike petition this week, their second for the year. Jeeps and buses started collecting a P2-fare increase last June 21, raising their minimum fares to P7.50 and P8 respectively.

The move was announced at a meeting yesterday of leaders from the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng Tsuper at Opereytor Nationwide or Piston, Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines or Fejodap, the Alliance of Transport Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines or Altodap and the Makati Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association or Mjoda. Heads of Metro and provincial bus groups also attended the meeting.

Before considering a new fare increase, transport groups had exhausted efforts in pursuing non-fuel remedies to stave off a fare increase.

But their proposal had fallen on deaf ears. The threat of an increase, however, reportedly made Mendoza sit up and listen.

Jeepney groups wanted the government to scrap the emission testing that required each unit to pay P1,300 upon registration.

They had also pressed for the implementation of the no-fault third party liability insurance, which had been waiting for the transport department's approval for a year.

Transport groups also sought a suspension of the duties and taxes on the importation of spare parts and wheels, apart from financial support and incentives so they could explore alternative fuels like liquefied petroleum gas.

Drivers had been buckling under the pressure of increased fuel costs. The price of diesel had gone up by P6 a liter since public utility vehicles raised their fares in June, Mendoza said. From about P26 a liter in June, diesel now costs roughly P32 a liter. The energy department had projected a continuous increase in the prices of petroleum products.

Taxis also have a pending petition for a P15-increase in fare. Provincial aircon buses have also asked for a 25-centavo per kilometer increase in fares. Both are seeking their first fare hike petition this year.

# Motorcycle thieves nabbed in Parañaque

By DJ Yap

BOUGHT A MOTORCYCLE FOR P6,000?

That cheap beauty was probably stolen by thieves.

Five suspected motorcycle thieves were caught in separate police operations in Parañaque City on Sept. 23 and Oct. 4. They were presented to the media yesterday by National Capital Region Police Office director Vidal Querol at the Kamuning Police Station in Quezon City.

Police said their modus operandi involved inserting a screwdriver-like object to the ignition key of a parked motorcycle, starting the engine and driving away.

On interrogation, the suspects admitted they sold the motorcycles for as low as P6,000 in Imus, Cavite.

Operatives station of the Anti-Carnapping Division of the Southern Police District in Parañaque City caught two notorious car thieves inside Moonwalk Subdivision on Sept. 23.

They were identified as Ireneo Papa and Richard Garcia, both of Kalsadang Luma, Imus. Police recovered four stolen motorcycles from the suspects.

On Oct. 4, Michelle Abrera, Omar Guevarra and Orlando Olalez were apprehended in follow-up operations, police said.

At the same press conference, a notorious robbery group allegedly responsible for "payroll hold-up" incidents in Valenzuela City was also presented to media.

Seven suspected members of the "Jiovanie Magaso Group" were arrested at their hideout in Sapa Bisalao, Bagbaguin on Oct. 4 by Northern Police District operatives.

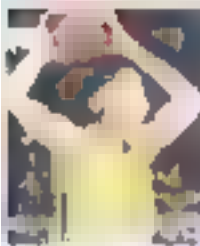
Recovered from the group were P40,000 in cash, a ladies' wristwatch, a shoulder bag containing a passbook and other documents, a hand grenade, a .38 caliber revolver and five bladed weapons.

Catalina De Los Reyes, 33, a clerk of Metro Power Services Agency and Company, positively identified the suspects as the ones who robbed her before police attending the press conference.

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By **Antonio J. Reyes**  
 Manila

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**Finance Secretary Carlos Domingue Jr. (center) is flanked by Deputy Secretary General of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) President Carlos Domingue Jr. (left) and PCCI Vice President Carlos Domingue Jr. (right) during a meeting in Manila.**

**BIR eyes new program  
 to lure delinquent taxpayers**

By **Antonio J. Reyes** Manila

**MANILA**—The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) is considering a new program to lure delinquent taxpayers, according to a source familiar with the matter. The source said the BIR is looking for ways to encourage taxpayers to pay their taxes on time, particularly those who have been delinquent for a long time. The source also said that the BIR is looking for ways to make the tax payment process easier for taxpayers, particularly those who are small businesses or individuals. The source said that the BIR is looking for ways to make the tax payment process more efficient and less costly for taxpayers. The source also said that the BIR is looking for ways to make the tax payment process more transparent and more accountable. The source said that the BIR is looking for ways to make the tax payment process more user-friendly and more accessible to taxpayers. The source also said that the BIR is looking for ways to make the tax payment process more secure and more reliable. The source said that the BIR is looking for ways to make the tax payment process more efficient and less costly for taxpayers. The source also said that the BIR is looking for ways to make the tax payment process more transparent and more accountable. The source said that the BIR is looking for ways to make the tax payment process more user-friendly and more accessible to taxpayers. The source also said that the BIR is looking for ways to make the tax payment process more secure and more reliable.

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# ADB sets aside P2.4B for SME development in RP

By Research Bureau

MANILA, Oct. 1 (PNA) — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a P2.4-billion loan to support the Philippine government's Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) development program. The loan is part of the ADB's commitment to help the Philippines improve its economic growth and employment opportunities for its citizens.

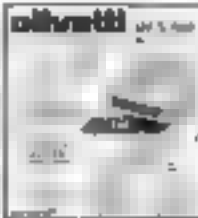
The loan will be used to finance various projects aimed at improving the infrastructure and services needed for SMEs to thrive. These include providing access to credit, improving the legal and regulatory environment, and enhancing the skills and capacity of SME owners and managers.

The ADB President, Jim Yong Kim, said that the loan is a testament to the Philippines' commitment to economic reform and growth. He added that the ADB is committed to working closely with the Philippine government to ensure that the loan is used effectively to support the country's development goals.

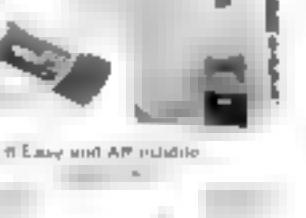


## BRK eyes new program

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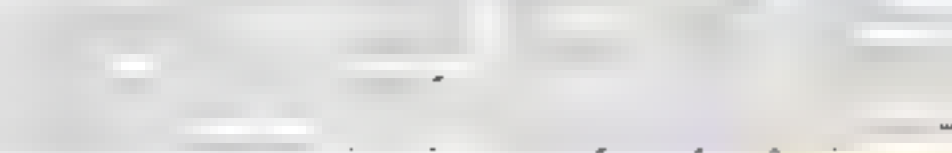


# BUSINESS

## Tariff differential sought by refiners opposed

By Elpidio I. Iba

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MANILA, Oct. 6 (AP) — The Philippine Refiners Association has opposed a proposed tariff differential for refined petroleum products, arguing that it would be unfair to local refiners and could lead to a loss of market share.

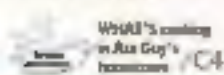
The association, which represents the interests of local oil refiners, stated that the proposed differential would create an uneven playing field. It argued that foreign refiners would be able to undercut local prices, leading to a decline in the profitability of domestic refineries.

The proposed tariff differential is part of a broader effort by the government to regulate the petroleum market and ensure fair competition. However, the refiners' association believes that such measures could have negative long-term effects on the local industry.

The association has requested that the government reconsider the proposal and instead focus on other measures to support the local refining sector. It also expressed concern that the differential could lead to a loss of jobs and investment in the industry.

The government has defended the proposal, stating that it is necessary to ensure that the market remains competitive and that consumers benefit from lower prices. It has also indicated that it is open to dialogue with the industry to address their concerns.

The issue remains a point of contention between the government and the refining industry, with both sides vying for a favorable outcome. The final decision on the tariff differential is expected to be made in the coming months.



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## It's Indian but it's not curry

KITCHEN  
RESCUE



PHOTOGRAPH BY JIMMY S. SANCHEZ

It's a common sight in many Indian households: a bowl of vegetable and chickpea salad, garnished with a slice of red onion and a small green herb. This dish, known as 'Raita', is a staple in Indian cuisine. It's a refreshing and healthy side dish that complements a variety of curries. The salad is made by combining cooked chickpeas with a mixture of yogurt and spices. The addition of fresh vegetables and herbs adds a crunch and a burst of flavor. Raita is not only delicious but also easy to make, making it a popular choice for both home cooks and professional chefs.









# What's cooking in Ate Guy's hometown

By Bruce Fajen

There is a quirky gum dish that looks like its more popular cousin, lang, but tastes quite different.

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